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SUBJECT: LAO MEDIA SUMMARIZES ILPRP VIEW ON LAO FOREIGN POLICY

1. THE VERNACULAR DAILY FM "VIENTIANE MAI" JULY 11
PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE WRITTEN BY THE NEWSPAPER'S EDITOR,
P. TRI CHANH, IN WHICH HE "SUMMARIZED" THE THIRD PRO-
VISION OF THE LPRP'S "FOURTH RESOLUTION". THE PROVISION
RELATES TO THE "PARTY'S LINE" REGARDING FOREIGN COUN-
TRIES. THE SUMMARY, TRANSLATED FROM THE LAO, IS AS
FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN QUOTE: "THE PARTY LINE REGARDING
FOREIGN COUNTRIES". IN IMPROVING THE MILITANT
SOLIDARITY AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR COUNTRY AND THE
SOCIALIST COUNTRIES (AND) ADHERING TO MARXISM-LENINISM
AND PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM, WE SHOULD SUPPORT
AND JOIN WITH THE SIDE FIGHTING FOR NATIONAL INDEPEN-
DENCE, DEMOCRACY AND SOCIALISM.
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3. WE SHOULD FIGHT AGAINST THE AGGRESSIVE POLICY AND
WAR PREPARATIONS OF THE IMPERIALIST AMERICANS, THE
CHIEF IMPERIALIST, WITH DETERMINATION.

4. TO BECOME PART OF THE PEACE PROTECTING WORK IN
SOUTHEAST ASIA AND RR THE WOULD (WE SHOJLD) ASSURE THE

NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND THE POLITICAL SYSTEM OF OUR COUNTRY. WE SHOULD WELCOME HELP AND COOPERATION FROM (FOREIGN) COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY (THE AID OF) THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES TOWARD THE BUILDING OF OUR COUNTRY INTO A SOCIALIST NATION.

5. WE MUST IMPROVE, WITH EACH PASSING DAY THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LAOS-VIETNAM AND KAMPUCHEA, THREE BROTHER COUNTRIES; IMPROVING EACH COUNTRY INDIVIDUALLY AND EXPANDING COOPERATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE.

6. (WE MUST IMPROVE) ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH SOME CAPITALIST COUNTRIES AND WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, RE-EXAMINING THE OLD AGREEMENTS SIGNED BY THE FORMER REGIME, (SO AS TO) RETAIN THE APPROPRIATE ONES AND DISCARD THE OTHERS. (WE SHOULD) ACCEPT FROM CAPITALIST COUNTRIES ONLY THOSE EXPERTS WHOSE EFFORTS WILL BE USEFUL TO LAOS, AND REJECT ALL OTHERS WHICH ARE NOT APPROPRIATE, FOR EXAMPLE, THOSE OFFERED WITH CONDITIONS.

7. WE SHOULD ALSO EXPAND TRADE WITH CAPITALIST COUNTRIES WHICH ARE IN ACCORD WITH OUR POLICY. WE WILL NEVER SHUT THE DOOR AGAINST OURSELVES (OUR OWN INTERESTS) BUT FIRSTLY WILL HAVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE FRATERNAL SOCIALIST COUNTRIES BECAUSE WE ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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TRUSTFUL (OF THEM).

8. COMMENT: THOUGH NOT AN OFFICIAL VOICE OF THE PARTY OR GOVERNMENT, "VIENTIANE MAI" REGULARLY CARRIES COMMENTARIES ON LPDR DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY. THE "FOURTH RESOLUTION" IS FREQUENTLY REFERRED TO IN THE GOVERNMENT AND PARTY MEDIA AND IS A SUBJECT OF SEMINAR INSTRUCTION. IT UNDOUBTEDLY REPRESENTS THE OFFICIAL OPARTY AND GOVERNMENT LINE ON DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY. THIS COMMENTARY, THOUGH ONLY A GENERALIZED SUMMARY, UNDOUBTEDLY REFLECTS THE OFFICIAL VIEW REGARDING LPDR FOREIGN POLICY.
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